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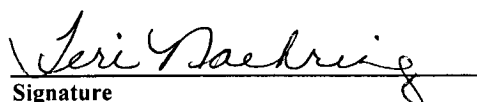
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Visualisierung wissenschaftlicher Daten

In the chapter "Paralleling", pages 4ff, this document describes how video streams are processed in a parallel manner in several workstations. Here, the image material received from a hard drive is scanned by a "processing element" (PE) and distributed to 191 further PEs. The 191 PEs conduct a MPEG-codification and store the result in a I/O-PE especially provided for this. In the I/O-PE, the images are connected and are stored as a final MPEG-stream on the hard drive.

Marco Zens: "Paralleles Rendering"

According to its title, this document describes "parallel rendering". According to this document, rendering means the automatic creation of single images or several images by means of a computer. According to section 1.1, page 2, first paragraph, this document describes the possibilities, problems and results of the use of heterogeneous networks determined for accelerating the photorealistic visualization of three-dimensional scenes, whereby the testing of the possibility and of the efficiency of the use of parallel algorithms in a heterogeneous LAN of widespread calculation architecture is an essential point.

In section 3.4 a distributed ray tracer is shown. Figure 3.2 shows a structure in which a server that is connected with one front end divides the calculation of one image into a number of partial calculations of image sections and instructs each of a certain number of clients to calculate one image section. As soon as the server receives all image sections from the clients, they are connected by the server and are sent to the front end as a complete image. The front end stores the image with the designation chosen by the user whereupon the calculation procedure is concluded.

An alternative parallel rendering procedure is described in this document, chapter 4, page 23. During this procedure, the clients also send the image data back

to the server after being instructed by the server to do so (see step 6). Only then the server is in a position to conduct a complete calculation of the image data and to send it to the front end.

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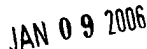


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